

doesn't even want to talk to the House about as fundamental an issue as funding the government starting an hour and 20 minutes ago, and whether or not there should be no special treatment for anyone under the Affordable Care Act—no special treatment for big corporations at the expense of the average American, and no special treatment for Members of Congress and their staff and the President and the Cabinet and their staff.

Mr. Speaker, the Majority Leader should negotiate on those, and I hope he changes his mind tomorrow morning.

REMEMBERING DR. CECILE HARRISON

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the family of a very, very dear friend who lost her life a week ago, Dr. Cecile Harrison, a professor at Texas Southern University with a Ph.D. in sociology and a heart as large as the world can imagine. She was a professor's professor; a teacher's teacher; she was a mentor to students; and, yes, she loved politics and the process of government.

What I was so grateful for, because it is often not done, is she taught young people the value of this great Nation, the three branches of government, the constitutional interaction given by the Constitution of the United States, and the respect for the three branches of government. She taught students to love the idea of political participation without personal gain.

I was delighted to see her involve herself in campaigns all over the State and in our community, but most importantly, a friend to the Honorable Barbara Jordan and an initial campaign manager for her. A Wheatley graduate.

Dear Cecile, thank you for your sincerity. You are a great American. May God bless you and your family, and may you rest in peace.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, so it's after 1 a.m. on October 1 and the government has shut down. And what's the best that we could get from the House Republican majority? A proposal to invite conferees to sit down and talk about resolving our differences.

The fact is that we've known what our responsibility was—it is to fund the government. It's not to allow 800,000 Federal employees to be told they can't go into work, they can't get paid. It's not to close down our national parks and monuments. It's not to take hundreds of millions—potentially billions—of dollars out of our

economy needlessly. It's not to disrupt the stock markets. It's not to create these financial crises. These are crises of our own doing.

We've got a great country, a strong economy, a terrific society, and all we can do is to erode trust and confidence in our government. We should be ashamed of ourselves.

“LET'S PLAY TWO!”

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Well, Mr. Speaker, it's late back here, but I'm from the west coast, so “let's play two.”

I'm really disappointed with the rhetoric that's been flying out of here in recent days. You hear all Republicans this, or Tea Party that, or you're in the hold of the Tea Party.

You know, we're in the hold of the American people here because we see this Obama health care plan is not affordable; it's not going to work. We're just trying to go back and take another bite and see if we can revise, delay, or do something different than foist these costs and an unworkable program that's going to ruin people's health care. Let's go back to the table.

Instead, we get “no” from the President, we get “no” from the Senate, we get a lot of “no” from the other side of the aisle.

Aren't we supposed to have a negotiation? Aren't we supposed to have a discussion here? The American people demand that. They're seeing that this program is not going to work. It's going to cost them; it's going to cost their jobs; it's going to make their health care less accessible. And yet all we get are “no.”

So if we want to look at who's causing this government shutdown, listen to the people yelling the most about it over on the other side of the aisle—yes, yelling.

So we're here. We're ready to play two here tonight if we need to.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

(Mr. RICE of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICE. Mr. Speaker, my friends across the aisle like to say they're for the middle class, but I can't hear what they say because their actions speak far more loudly.

The working man just got a \$100-per-month pay cut with the expiration of the payroll tax cut. The President's war on coal will deny our power companies the cheapest fuel and will increase American families' monthly utility bills by another \$50 a month.

The administration's energy policy is designed to drive up cost at the pump, up over \$1 a gallon in the last 4 years, costing the average American family

\$150 per month. Every day folks will pay more for medical equipment which they desperately need with the medical device tax.

Now comes ObamaCare. Forbes magazine estimates that medical insurance will cost 90 percent more for the average man, 60 percent more for the average woman, which will cost families in South Carolina hundreds of additional dollars per month. And if they don't want to buy health insurance, they will be fined.

It appears that my colleagues across the aisle have a plan, Mr. Speaker: break the middle class with taxes and higher costs on necessities, and then they will take care of us as we will all be dependent on the government. But, hey, then at least we will get subsidized health insurance.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and October 1 on account of unavoidable pressing business in district.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today through October 3 on account of attending to family acute medical care and hospitalization.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 310. An act making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 27, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 527. To amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3092. To amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on September 28, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 1412. To improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, further reported that on September 30, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 3210. Making continuing appropriations for military pay in the event of a Government shutdown.